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SUBJECT: Weekly Missouri Influenza Report, 2003-2004 Season

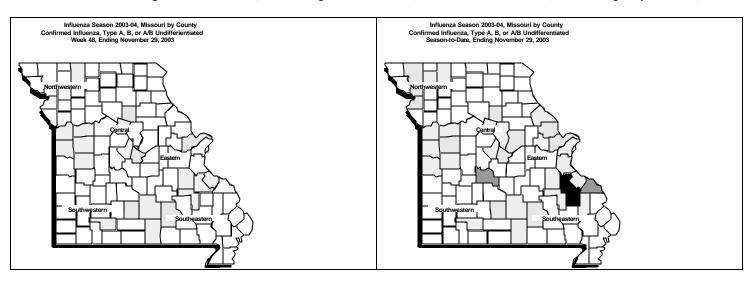
(All data in this report are provisional and may change as reports are updated.)

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Missouri is reporting "local influenza activity" to the CDC for Week 48. (Influenza activity codes are reported to CDC each Friday.)

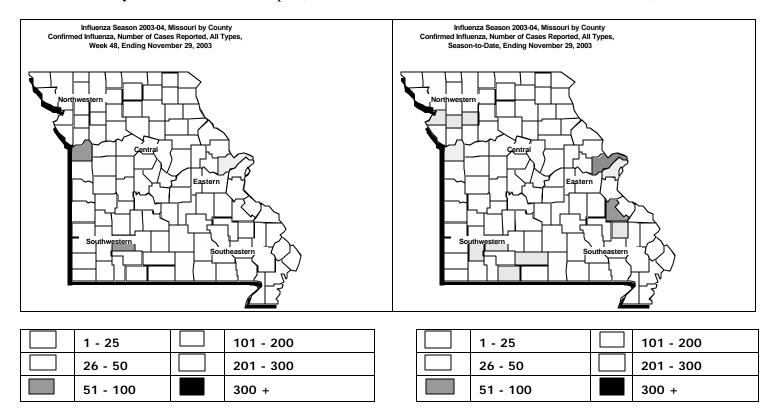
Reported Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Sub-type For the Week Ending November 29, 2003 (Week 48)								
Serogroups A A A A A A B Untyped (rapid test) A or B Untyped (rapid test) Total								
Week 48	73	3	0	3	280	359		
Season-to-Date*	270	7	0	17	622	916		

^{*}The influenza season begins with week 40 (week ending October 4, 2003) and ends with week 20 (week ending May 15, 2004).



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Clusters/Outbreaks of Influenza-like Illness For the Week Ending November 29, 2003 (Week 48)									
Health District	Central	Eastern	NW	SE	SW	Season -to- Date 03-04	Season -to – Date 02-03	Last Year Season Total 02-03	
School Closings	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	205	
Community Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Long Term Care or Institutional Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	
Other Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Season-to-Date	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	212	

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths							
For the Week Ending November 22, 2003 (Week 47)*							
Week 47	Week 47 Season-to-Date Week 47 Last Season 10 Year Weekly Median						
66 551 27 26 *							

^{*} Prior to 1999, P&I data were collected from week 46 through week 17; therefore, the ten-year median will be noted only during those weeks.

^{*}Beginning in week 35 of 2003, the numbers of P&I deaths may show increases based on a new system of retrieval that now includes all contributing causes of death from death certificates.

U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network (US ISPSN) Influenza-like Illness (ILI) for the Week Ending November 22, 2003 (Week 47)							
Age 0-4	Age O-4 Age Age Age ILI Patients Seen Percent ILI Patients Seen						
9	22	5	1	37	3,164	1.16%*	

^{*} This percentage is below the national baseline of 2.5%.

Respiratory Specimens Submitted to SPHL for Viral Testing For the Week Ending November 29, 2003 (Week 48)									
		Positive Specimens							
	Influenza	Para- influenza	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Adeno- virus	Rhino- virus	Entero- virus	Total Number Specimens Submitted		
Week 48	4	0	0	0	0	0	20		
Season-to-Date	9	2	0	1	0	2	79		

CDC antigenically characterizes a sample of positive Missouri influenza isolates, submitted through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL).

Sources of Data: Laboratory-confirmed cases are reported to DHSS through the passive communicable disease surveillance system. Suspected influenza clusters and outbreaks are reported through the active surveillance system. Pneumonia and influenza deaths are reported through the DHSS Bureau of Vital Records. Influenza-like illness data by age category and total number of patient visits by week are reported voluntarily by participants in the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network.

This report may also be found on the DHSS Internet at: www.dhss.state.mo.us/Influenza/index.html. National influenza surveillance information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services after hours number for reporting disease cases and emergencies is 1-800-392-0272.